THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (c) Under the scheme of 'Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations (TDCCs/Forests Development Corporations (FDCs)/Minor Forest Produce (Trading & development) Federations (MFPTDFs), the Government of India has given grant to the Madhya Pradesh State Minor Forest Produce (Trading & Development) Federation Limited, Bhopal for developing their minor forest produce operations. The Federation has been given grant of Rs. 51 lakhs in 1992-93; Rs. 60 lakhs in 1993-94; Rs. 124 lakhs in 1994-95 and Rs. 57 lakhs in 1995-96. Of this Rs. 108 lakhs was in the nature of contribution to their share capital and Rs. 184 lakhs for construction of godowns. Collection and sale of MFP is an important economic activity of the tribals. By improving the MFP operations and providing improved marketing facilities, the tribals will be able to get remunerative prices for their produce. Procurement through State Corporations etc. also will help to eliminate exploitation of tribals by middlemen and private traders.

Entry of MNCs into Low Priority Sectors

167. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have taken any final decision regarding the entry of MNCs into low priority areas including the consumer goods sector in the country;

(b) the number of MNCs that have already come in India so far after 1990-91 till date, indicating the names thereof alongwith the list of their products in the consumer sector; and

(c) the number of Indian companies that have been taken over by the MNCs in the consumer products indicating the list of these companies to-date?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The various policy initiatives detailed in the Industrial Policy and other economic liberalisations announced by Government are aimed, inter-alia at making Indian Industry internationally competitive and India a destination for foreign investment. To achieve this, Goernment constantly reviews the policy frame-work amongst others for various categories & types of foreign investors, various sectors, etc., to make it more investor-friendly.

(b) The details of such proposals viz. name of the Indian company, name and country of foreign collaboration equity/ investment involved, item of manufacture/activity are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to the Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(c) No centralised data is maintained in this Department.

मध्य प्रदेश के सरगुजा जिले में विशेष पिछड़ी जनजाति "पहाड़ी कोरवा"

168. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश की विशेष पिछड़ी जनजाति "पहाड़ी कोरवा" के कितने परिवार सरगुजा जिले में रहते हैं और उनकी जनसंख्या कितनी है;

(ख) इनमें से कितने परिवार गरीबी-रेखा से नीचे जीवन यापन कर रहे हैं;

(ग) इस जनजाति के कितने प्रतिशत लोग निरक्षर हैं और कितने-कितने लोग हाई स्कूल और हायर सैकेण्डरी तक शिक्षा प्राप्त किए हुए हैं;

(घ) 1992-93 से 1995-96 तक के वर्षों के दौरान गरीबी रेखा से नीचे जीवन यापन कर रहे इन परिवारों के आर्थिक विकास के लिए परिवार कल्याण कार्यक्रमों के अंतर्गत प्रति वर्ष कितनी-कितनी धनराशि और किन-किन कार्यों पर व्यय की गई; और

(ङ) उक्त परिवार कल्याण कार्यक्रमों के क्रियान्वयन के परिणामस्वरूप गरीबी रेखा से ऊपर उठने वाले परिवारों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) से (ङ) संबंधित राज्य सरकार से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Automobile Export

169. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether automobile exports during 1995-96 recorded a negative growth of about 2% compared to an impressive growth of 50% achieve in 1994-95;

(b) if so, the actual exports of automobiles during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(c) what are the main reasons for the decline in exports in 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The exports of automobiles during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 has been 1,27,342 nos., 1,78,756 nos. and 1,93,944 nos. respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

Foreign investment proposals

170. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign investment proposals have been approved so far during the current year;

(b) if so, the foreign investment envisaged under such approved proposals;

(c) the total employment likely to be generated; and

(d) The details of such proposals approved for Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) During the current year i.e. from 1.1.96 to 31.5.96, 583 proposals have been approved envisaging foreign direct investment of Rs. 11616.38 crores.

(c) Data on employment generation with specific linkage to foreign direct investment is not centrally maintained.

(d) The details of such proposals viz. name of the Indian company, name and country of foreign collaborator, equity/investment involved, item of manufacture/activity are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to the Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

Directive issued by S.C. to Curb the Child Labour

171. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any directive by the Supreme Court to inform the Court by 18th March, 1996, about the steps taken to curb the child labour in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government had informed the Supreme Court the steps taken in this regard;

(c) what are the details provided to Supreme Court by Government; and

(d) whether any further directive was issued by the Supreme Court in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Government representation on Expert Committee on Tobacco

172. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no representative of his Ministry on the Expert Committee on Tobacco;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government will press for inclusion of his Ministry's representative on the Expert Committee on Tobacco?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.